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NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16.

The Deputy Speaker took the chair at half-past 3 o'clock.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Dr. Rose, said it was proposed next session to amend the Vegetation Diseases Act, and power would be given to the Government to deal with the importation of noxious plants.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Wise, said the full details of his scheme for increasing the lower salaries in the Public Service were contained in the published Budget. The sum of £100,000 which would receive increases could not be given, as the necessary inquiries had not been completed. £10,000 had been set apart to meet the increased expenditure.

The MINISTER FOR LABOUR, in answer to Mr. E. Clark, said no permission had been asked for or granted to Messrs. Brooks and Co., the printers, to increase their wages, and that they were to work their employees in excess of the usual hours of labour. Inquiries would be instituted.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Chantier, said he had been unable to get the session to agree to the Public Works Committee's proposal to construct a line of railway from Deniliquin and Jerilderie, one end of which would receive the Minister's attention during the session.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Dr. Rose, said the aggregate of fish caught in the marine waters collected by Mr. F. Farrell & Sons, Ltd., was large. The returns were distributed to various public and other institutions.

The PREMIER, in reply to Mr. Dight, said that in view of the fact that he would be in the Cabinet in October, he would be unable to act in the Cabinet to consider the necessity or desirability of introducing a short measure rendering it compulsory that all magistrates should be appointed by the Government, if it was an improvement on the present position in view of Mr. Coghlan's position on the Public Service Board. The item was withdrawn.

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THE PHRASE "FOR LABOUR".

Mr. CHANTIER said he would like to ask the Premier, referring to the statement made by hon. members in the Assembly concerning the Prohibitory Bills, that he would be able to give him some information as to what was done by the Colonial authorities because the successive votes were attached to it?

Mr. WILLIS: Was it thrown out at all?

The PREMIER said: Only for six months. It was a vote of no confidence in the Government, and the members of the Legislative Council: but so far as he knew, nothing had been done.

Mr. MC LAUGHLIN: So far as I am aware, nothing was done.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. McLaughlin, said he would consider the question of maintaining the improvement works at the Belgrave River in view of the possibility of their being affected by the tide.

THE PHRAPHIC DUTIES BILL.

Mr. ROSE said he would like to ask the Premier, referring to the statement made by hon. members in the Assembly concerning the Prohibitory Bills, that he would make some appointment. Still it was an improvement on the present position.

Mr. CHAPMAN said that he would be appointed to the Colonial position as a responsible member of the Government.

THE BASIC TAXATION UPON LEASES.

Mr. MC LAUGHLIN: I have no desire to know whether the Premier, in the circumstances, had foreseen that in the Land and Income Tax Bill, would include one doing away with the injustice of paying double tax. What instead of the usual deduction of one-half of their rents.

The PREMIER said the matter was one which he did not consider it safe to deal with in the bill; but he would see that he could not bring in a separate measure.

THE FEDERAL PROGRAMME.

Mr. BARTON said he would ask the Premier whether he did not propose to make some statement upon the Federal programme in the session, in view of the action of the two bills. The Premier had promised to do so on Friday or Tuesday, but it was possible that the House might re-open on Tuesday. He had arrived in Sydney, and the Premier's views upon the subject were to be had.

The PREMIER said he proposed, as had been mentioned, to make a statement on Tuesday. He thought it would be better to make it on that day, as he had not had time to consider the matter. He had also taken into account the fact that Tuesday would certainly make the statement.

THE REGISTRATION OF COMPANIES.

Mr. CANN said in view of the fact that it was intended to legislate in reference to various companies, he would present the bill to the Legislative Council, and certain companies doing business in this colony would be required to register in the colony.

The PREMIER said that the view was that while the bill was proposed by the hon. member had been pressed very strongly upon him by extraordinary proceedings, which had been taken by a certain company under the law.

The time had come when it could not allow the present state of things to continue. When mining companies holding valuable properties in New South Wales, and in other colonies, and in other countries, practically removed the mines from New South Wales. An alteration of the law to compel some sort of local registration in connection with the mining companies, and to give effect to the same, should be introduced.

EARLY-CLOSING BILL.

Mr. WATSON said that if the Early-Closing Bill was taken by a large majority, the Government would be compelled to introduce a similar bill, and a general strike would be made.

The Premier, however, consented to have the third reading taken before the House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. BARTON said he would second the request of the hon. member. The necessity for the proposed legislation had been demonstrated.

The PREMIER said that it would be a serious thing if he were compelled to introduce the bill, and that the bill, in its present form, it was necessary that the Estimates should be proceeded with. He had considered the question of re-committing the bill, and it was only necessary to re-consider certain parts of it.

UPPER HOUSE REFORM.

Mr. ROSE said he would like to ask the Minister for Local Government whether the bill had been introduced into the session. Would the Minister, however, be confined to the city constituency, and whether men who came from the country constituencies would be included.

The MINISTER FOR LABOUR said he would inquire into the matter.

Mr. SLEATH said he would like to know whether the Premier's attention had been drawn to the fact that the bill had been introduced into the session.

The PREMIER said he would like to know whether the bill had received temporary employment before it was introduced into the session.

Mr. GILLIES said he would like to know why steps were not taken to obtain work for the men in the country on roads.

Mr. YOUNG said certain posts were available elsewhere, and a large proportion of it was expended before Christmas. It would result in a reduced expenditure afterwards.

The PREMIER said he sympathised with the men, but the Government had no sufficient funds, and he regretted various remarks that had been made in regard to them.

ESTIMATES SITTING DAY.

Mr. REED moved:—"That this House shall meet for the despatch of business at 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, December 16, for the transaction of Government business taken on the day."

The motion was agreed to.

THE ESTIMATES.

The House went into Committee of Supply to further consider the Estimates.

"Government Statistician, £116."

"Item.—Assistant Statistician, £47."

Mr. AFFLECK moved the reduction of the item by £50.

The amendment was agreed to by 36 votes to 33.

PROPOSED INCREASES ABANDONED.

Mr. EDDIE asked the Premier to give effect to the manifesto of the House not to grant increases for the year £1000.

The PREMIER: The appeal is fair and reasonable. I cannot shut my eyes to the desire of the House, and, unless in some very special case, I agree to the suggestion. However, I have been informed that it is not willing to increase salaries that are over £3000, and I trust the House will accept the dictum and not fight the will of the House.

Mr. BARTON said it was questionable whether it would be wise to make an iron rule. There were some cases, no doubt, of special merit, and they should receive consideration.

The PREMIER said the case just voted on was a case in point, and the House had signified its assent.

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on the first £300 salary. He (Mr. Lynn) felt that the lower grades in the service had not received fair play.

THE GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN.

Mr. CHANTIER said he objected to the Government Statistician being also a member of the Public Service Board. How could he be amenable to that board, as head of a department if he were one of its members?

The PREMIER said Mr. Coghlan had not asked for extra compensation for doing the work of the department.

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Mr. EDDIE said he had recently obtained from the departmental records.

Mr. WATSON said he had no name.

Mr. CHICK said he believed that he ceases to be a servant when he resigns.

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the past 11 months may be taken to represent a similar policy of withdrawal and home spending. It does not appear to have yielded like probable results on the progress and prosperity of the colony. The money has been withdrawn from the colonies, but has not been sent home, rather than to build up its industries, which can, indeed, be built up so satisfactorily as under free-trade conditions. However, we cannot do more than conjecture the significance of so large an excess of imports when there has been no State foreign borrowing to account for it.

The Bank of England returned this week, showing no new movement. All the leading stock exchanges are meeting to another. Though

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any considerable amount generally have to wait if they insist on the full list of determinants, or to wait at a slight concession if they determine to remain prompt. It may be that the prevailing selling tendency of the market prices are quite high enough to view that contributes to their persistence, and that most in the end be generally satisfactory to holders should the value of money rise and give a weaker tone to Stock Exchange securities, which once the case would be less likely to occur.

On the other hand, the position of the market is preferable to one of

general irregularities in investments. As against any possible tendency to shrinkage in quotations from the hardening of money market conditions, there is to be offset the influence on those who would be affected by the improvement in the trade and the operations undertaken they way, when better seasons return, for our countrymen as well as private industrial and business firms may be expected to share in the coming prosperity. If there are possible money market conditions which would make for the reduction of stock market values, the effect of such would probably have effect at the same time as the Australian.

Any outlook, therefore, seems to be

as the continuance of the steady market which has now been maintained for so long.

Though the transactions reported to-day were not numerous as on some previous days, a good volume of business was done.

All Government securities were unaltered.

Commercial Bank of Sydney

was quoted at 23.

Bank of New South Wales

at 23 1/2.

Commonwealth Bank

at 23 1/2.

Colonial Bank

at 23 1/2.

Country Bank

at 23 1/2.

Government Bonds

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